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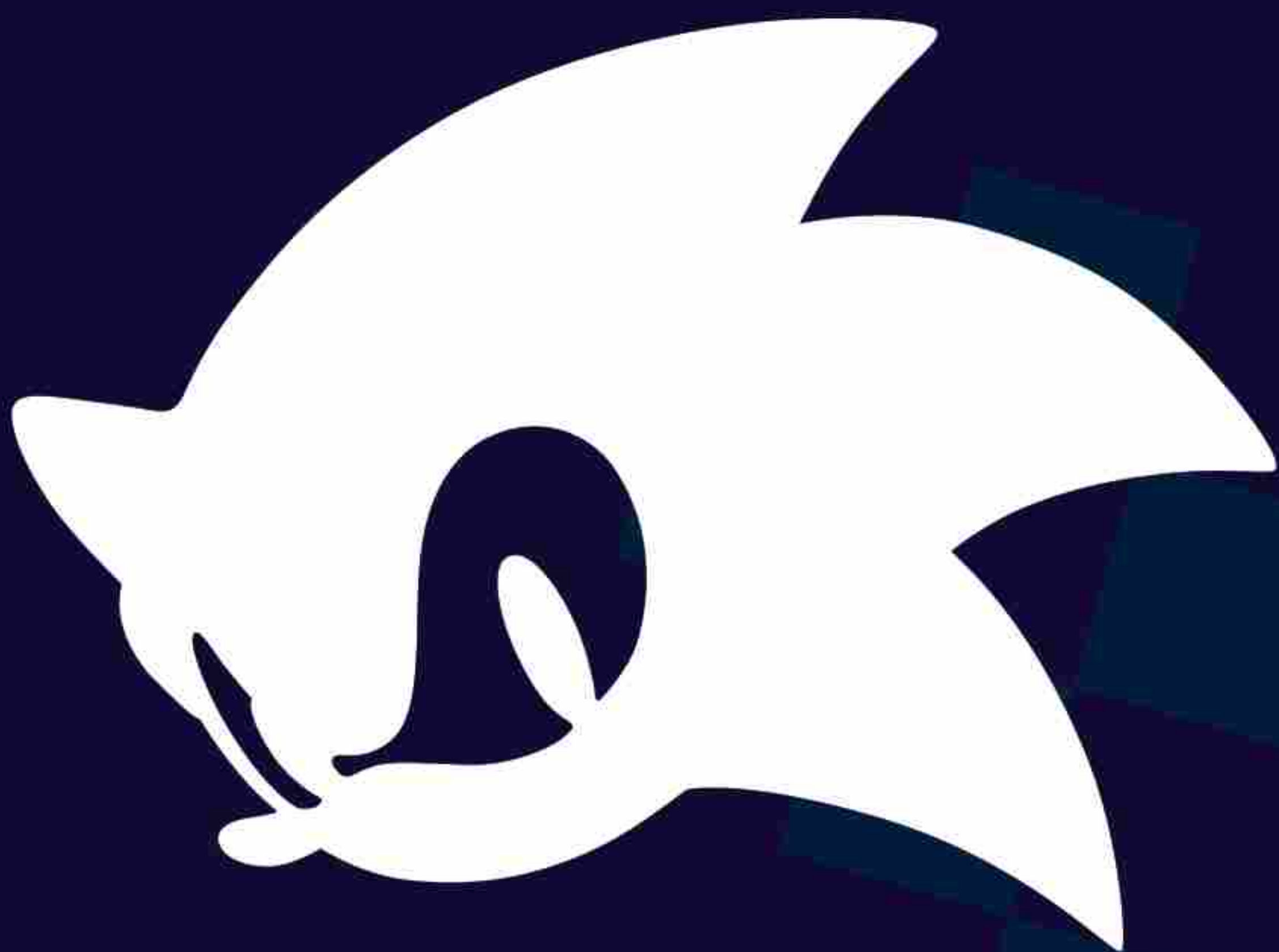
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THE HEDGEHOG



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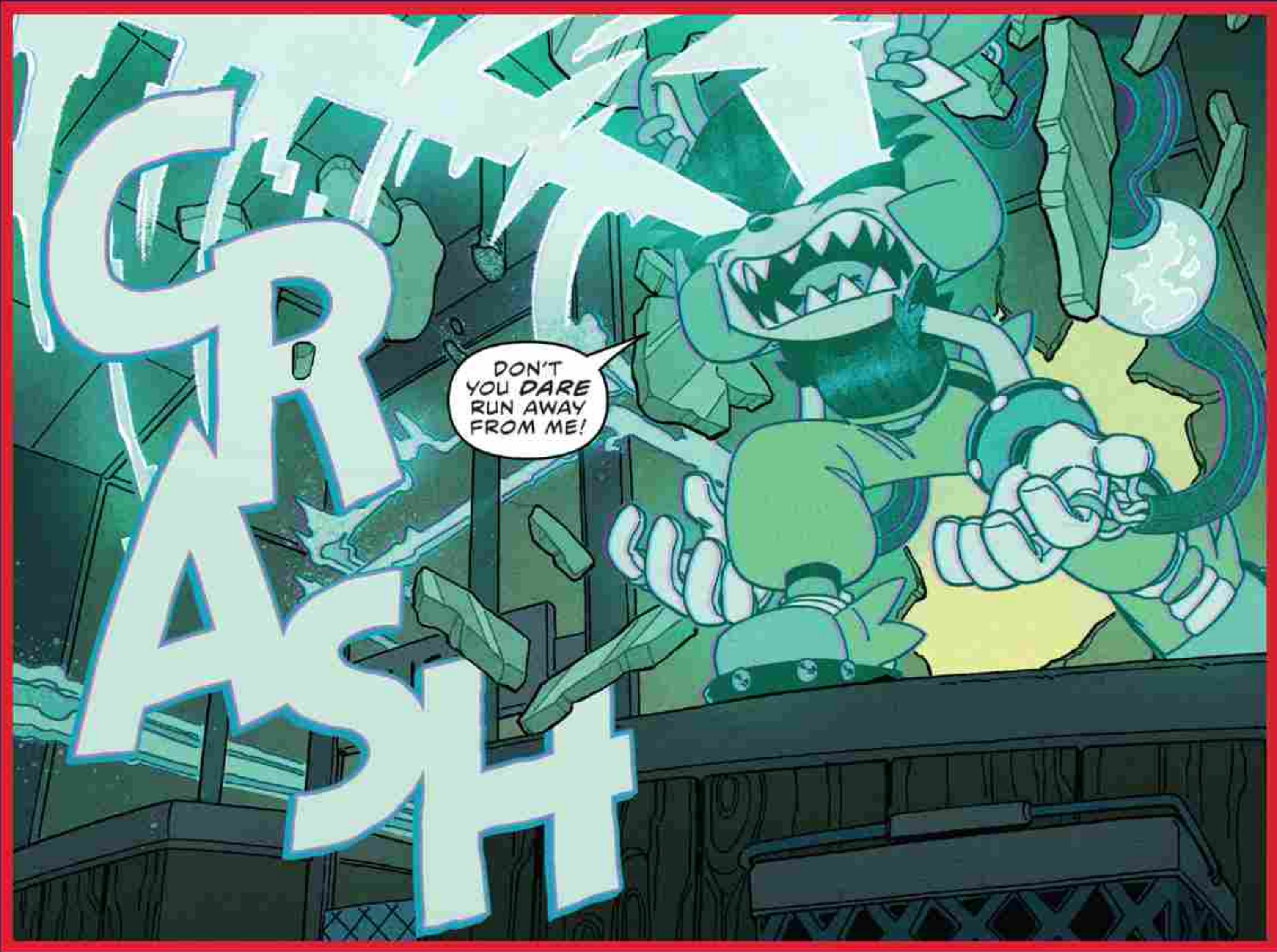
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STORY SO FAR





SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

The Blue Blur.
Fastest thing alive.



MILES "TAILS" PROWER

Tech-Savvy Sidekick.
High-flying genius.



DR. EGGMAN

Mad Genius.
Egg enthusiast.



METAL SONIC

Loyal Minion.
Mechanical menace.



SURGE THE TENREC

The Mean Green.
Roguish speedster.



KITSUNAMI "KIT" THE FENNEC

Sorrowful Sidekick.
High-flying hydromancer.



"THESE READINGS AREN'T GREAT, BUT FROM WHAT I'VE GOT... THE TRAIL LEADS HERE."

AN EGGMAN BASE? WAIT, NO... LOOK AT THE INSIGNIA!

HUH. STARLINE SURE MADE HIMSELF COMFORTABLE.

DARK, DANK, FOREBODING...

IF THEY'RE NOT IN HERE, I'LL EAT MY SHOE.

SHRRRR

?

SONIC!



TROMP
TROMP

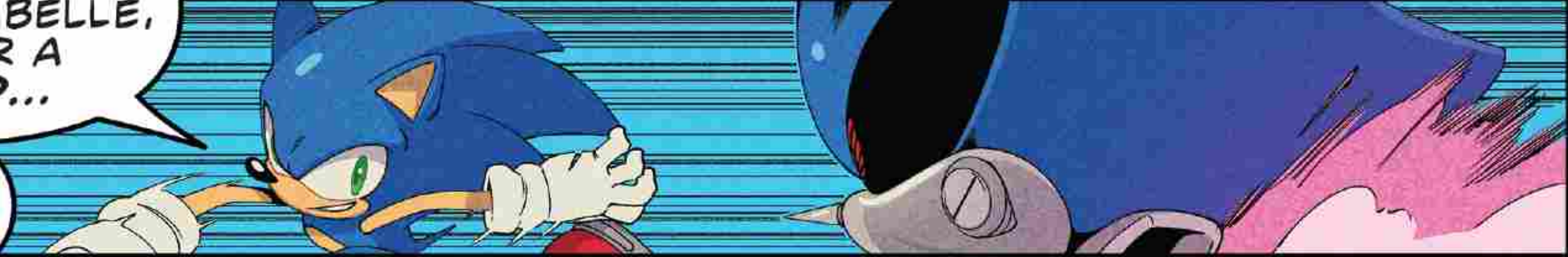




THAT CERTAINLY WAS SOMETHING BACK IN EGGHEAD'S CITY. I HAVEN'T SEEN YOU THAT MAD IN A WHILE.

BUT YOU STILL PUT ON THE BRAKES FOR BELLE, JUST FOR A SECOND...

...YOU WANNA TALK ABOUT THAT?



SORRY I'M LATE, RAN INTO EGGMAN!



HE'S HERE? FIGURES. ALL RIGHT, GO TIME!

METAL, I'M NOT GIVING UP ON YOU YET!

MOMENTS
EARLIER...

SLOW
DOWN,
WILL
YOU?!

ALWAYS
WITH THE
RUNNING...

...FINE, A
SHORTCUT
IT IS.

GAH! THAT
PLATYPUS
WENT AND MADE
MODIFICATIONS
TO MY FLAWLESS
FLOOR PLAN?!
WHAT A
HASSLE.

AT LEAST I
CAN STILL TRACK
THE DYNAMO
CAGE'S LOCATION.

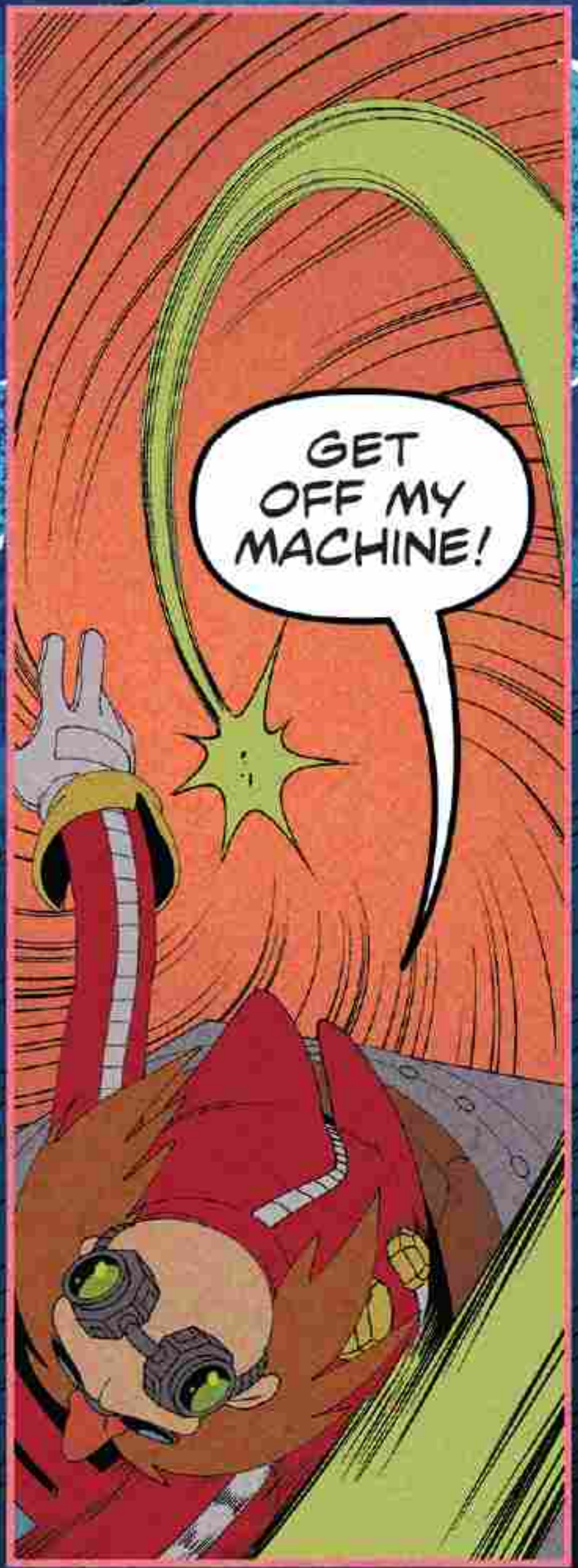
THAT
CAN'T BE
RIGHT... HOW
CAN IT BE
RIGHT ON
TOP OF--

SKYOW!



BAD NEWS,
OLD MAN. I'M
NOT LETTING
YOU OFF EASY
THIS TIME.

GAH!

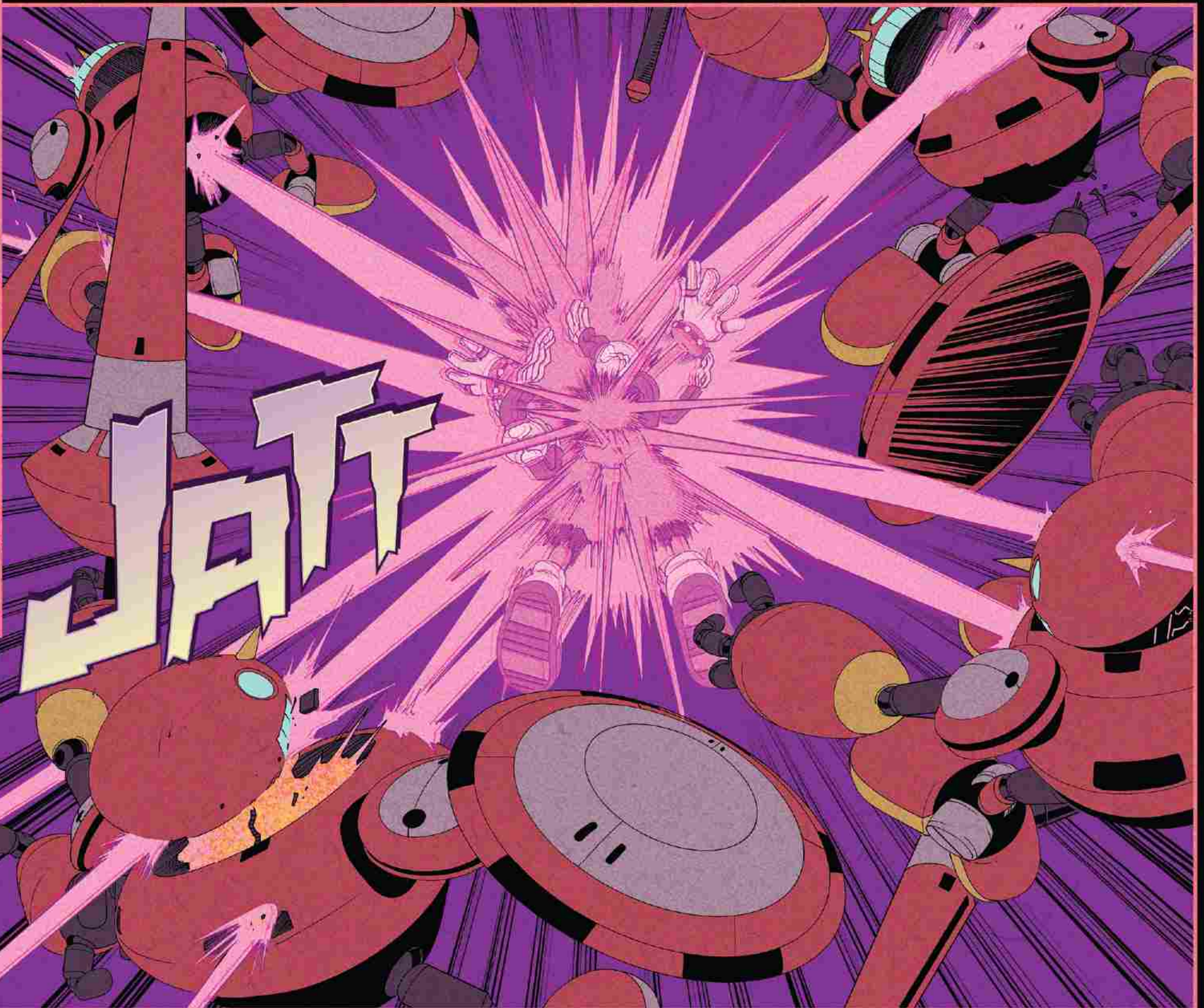
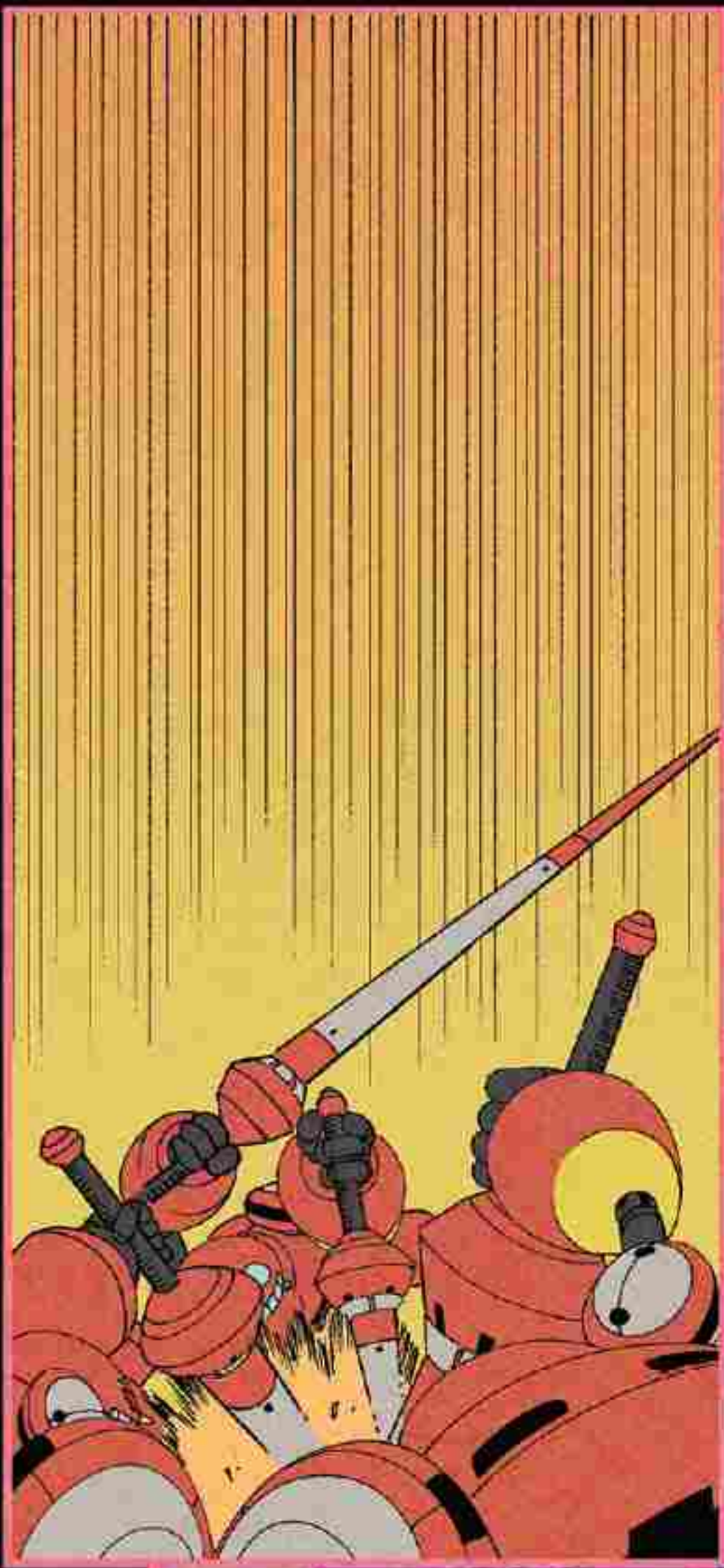


GET
OFF MY
MACHINE!

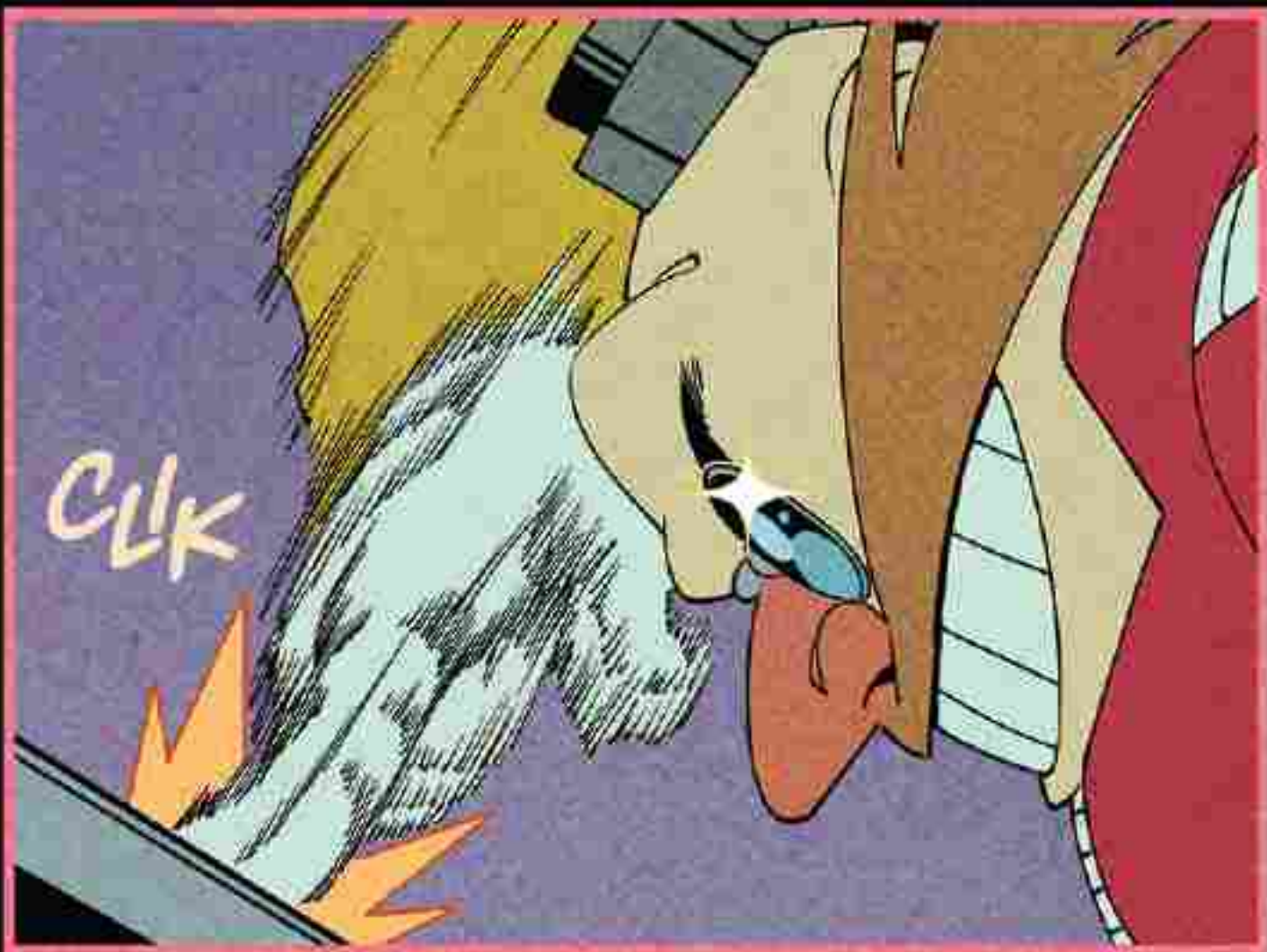
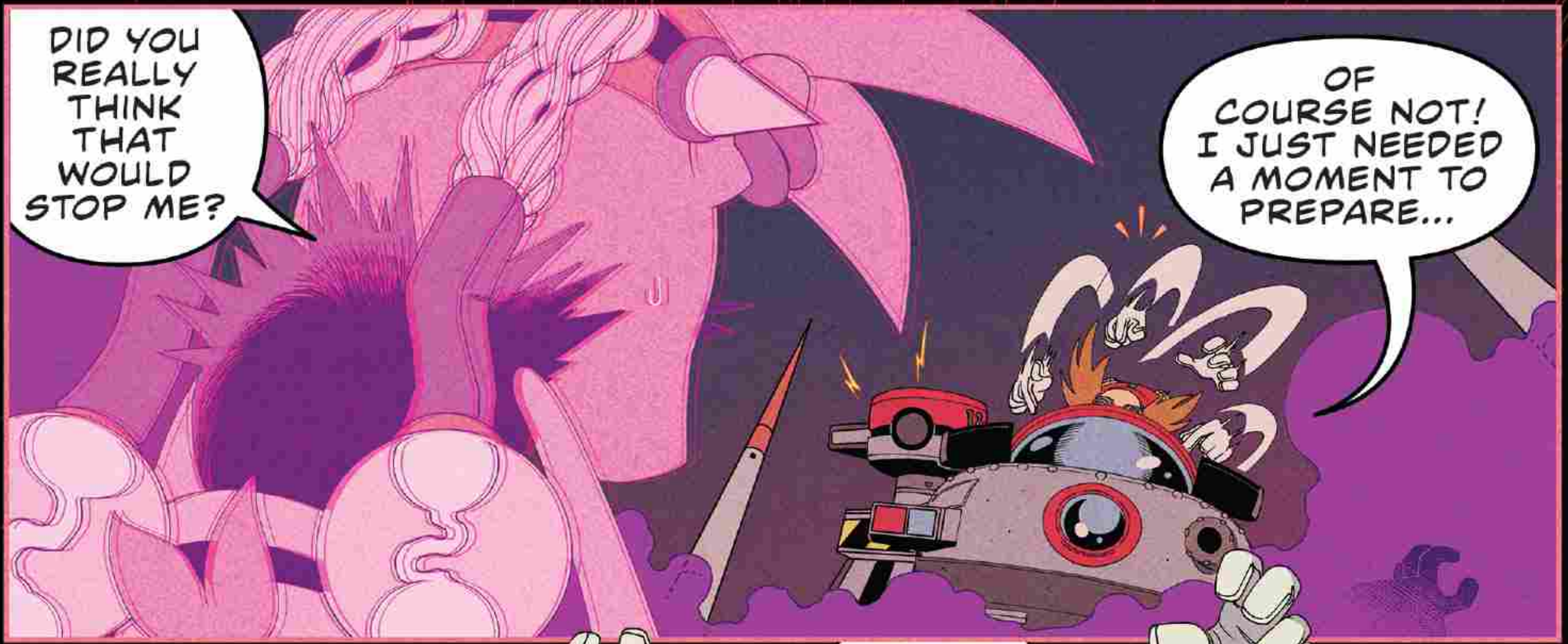


ROBOTS!
HOLD HER
DOWN!

WHAM



JATT



BUDDA-BUDDA-
BOM





CUTE,
VERY
CUTE--

AAH!

THOOM



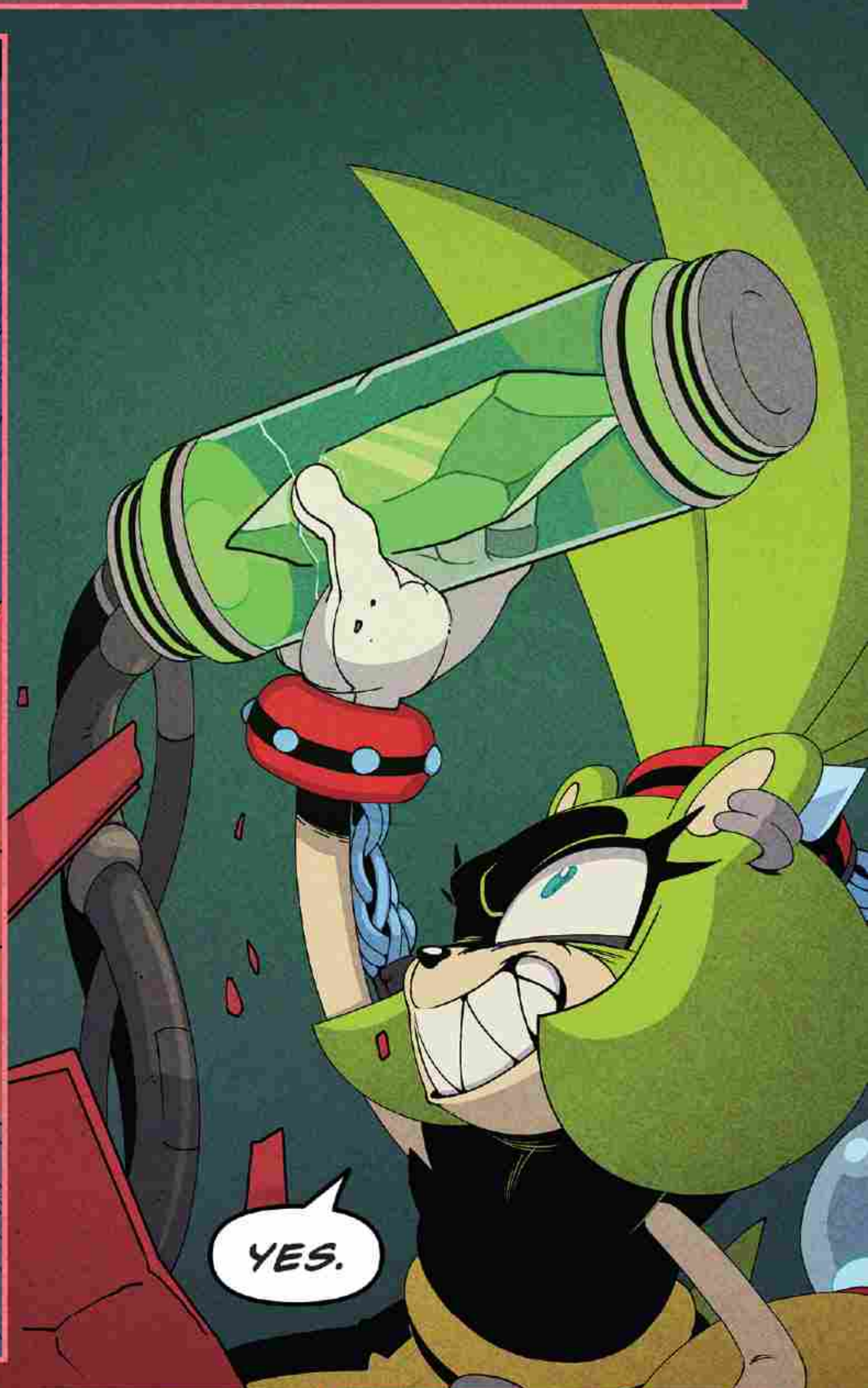
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DON'T TRY
TO OUTWIT
ME, GIRL!

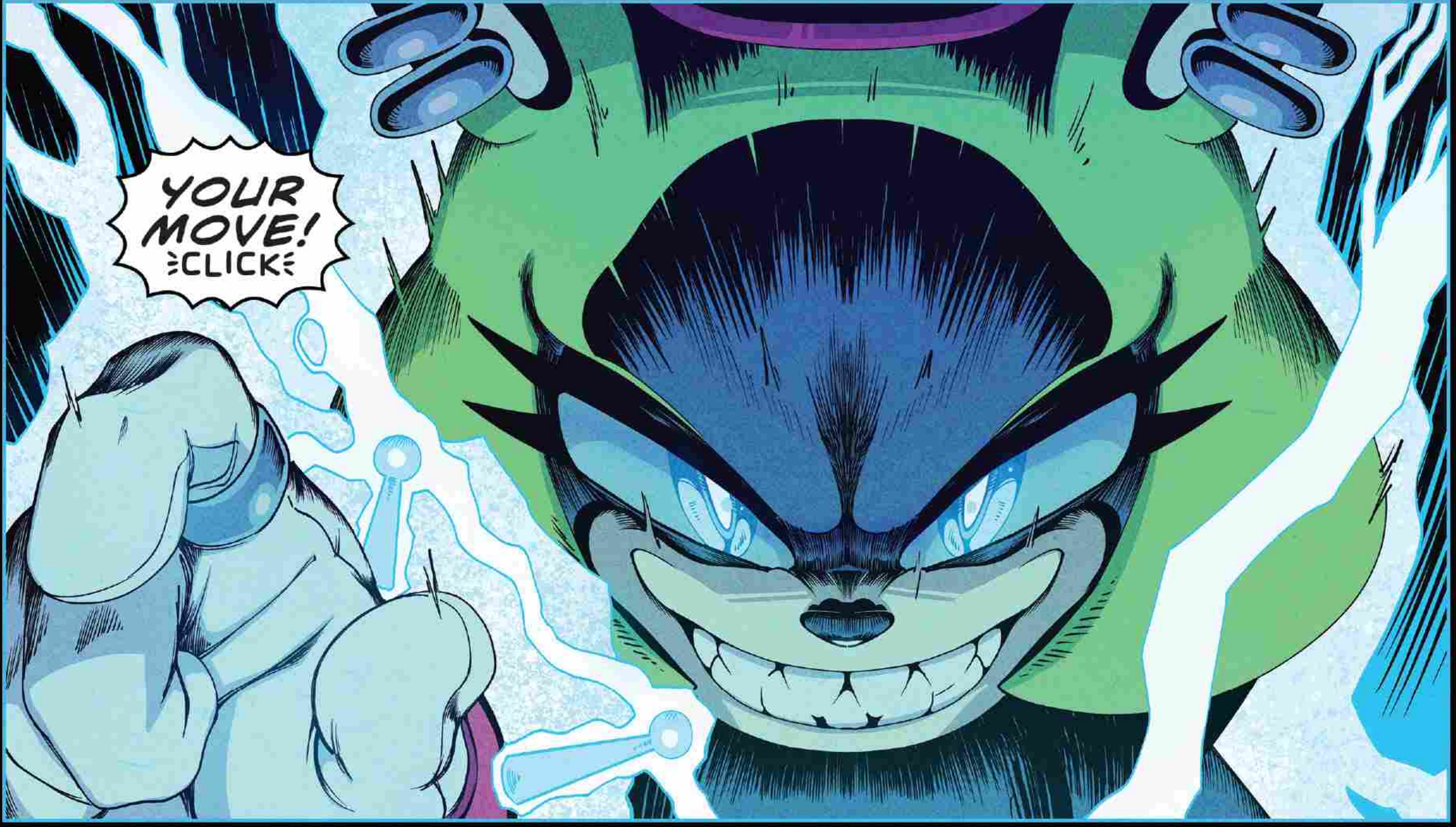
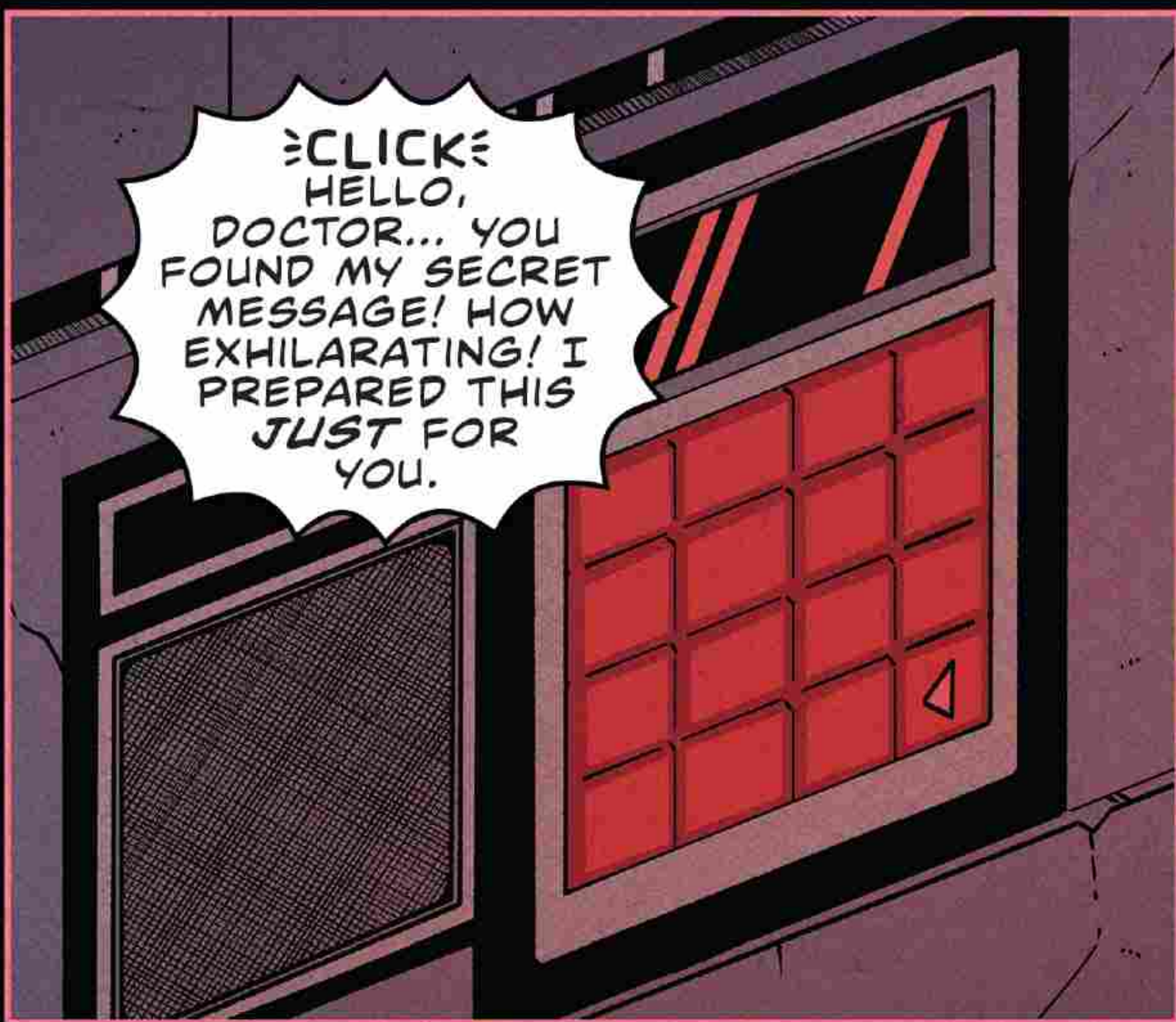
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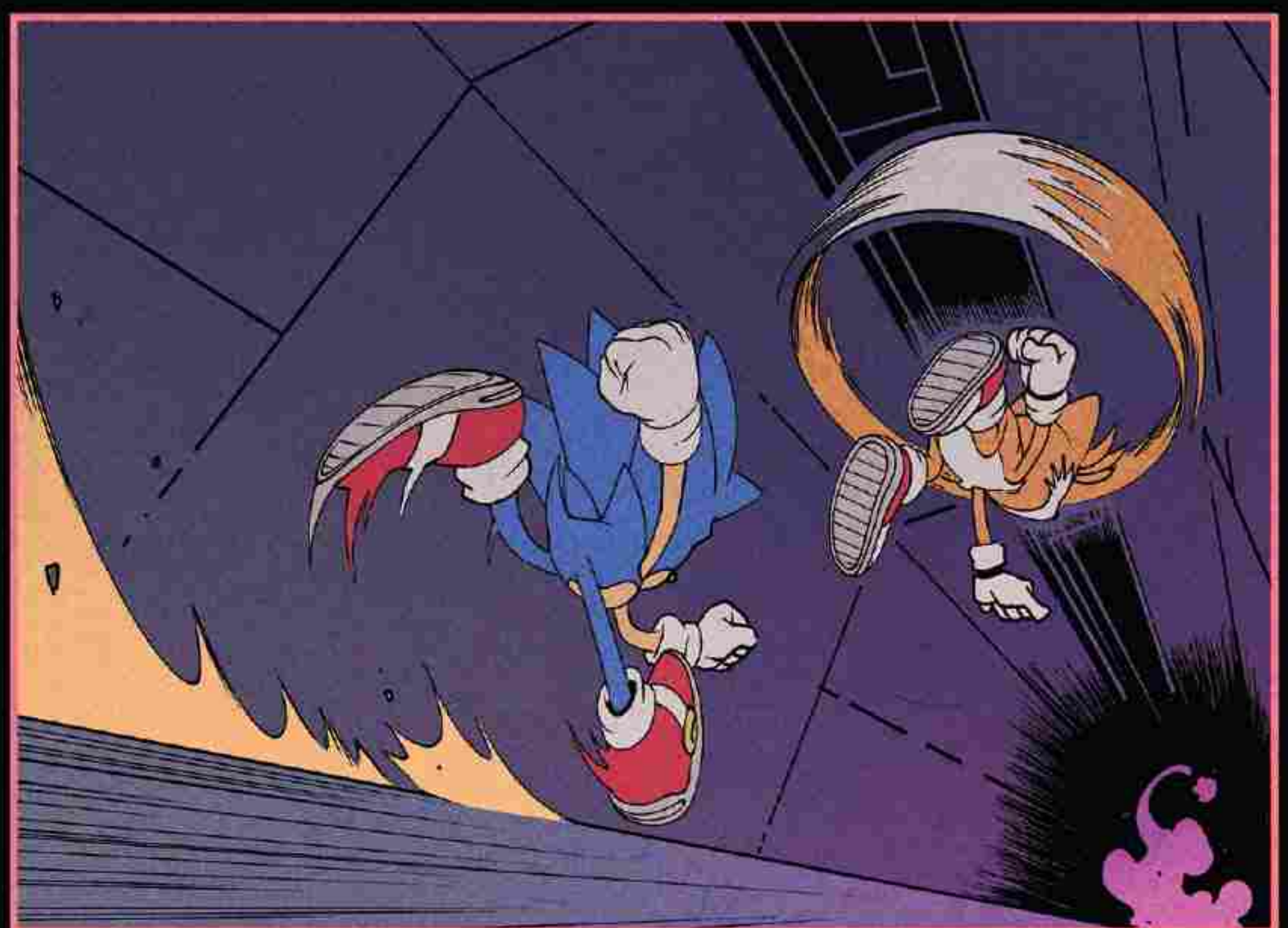
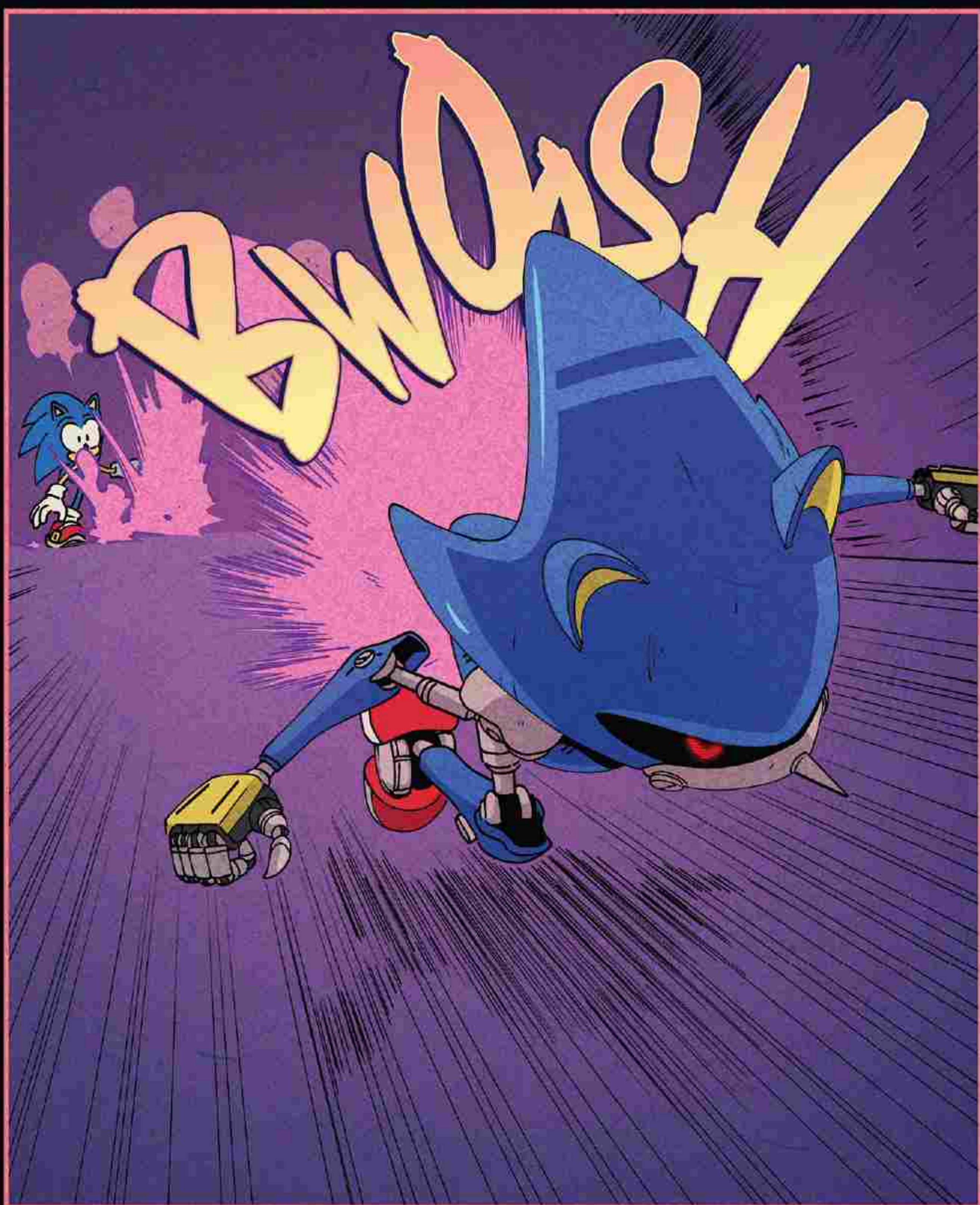
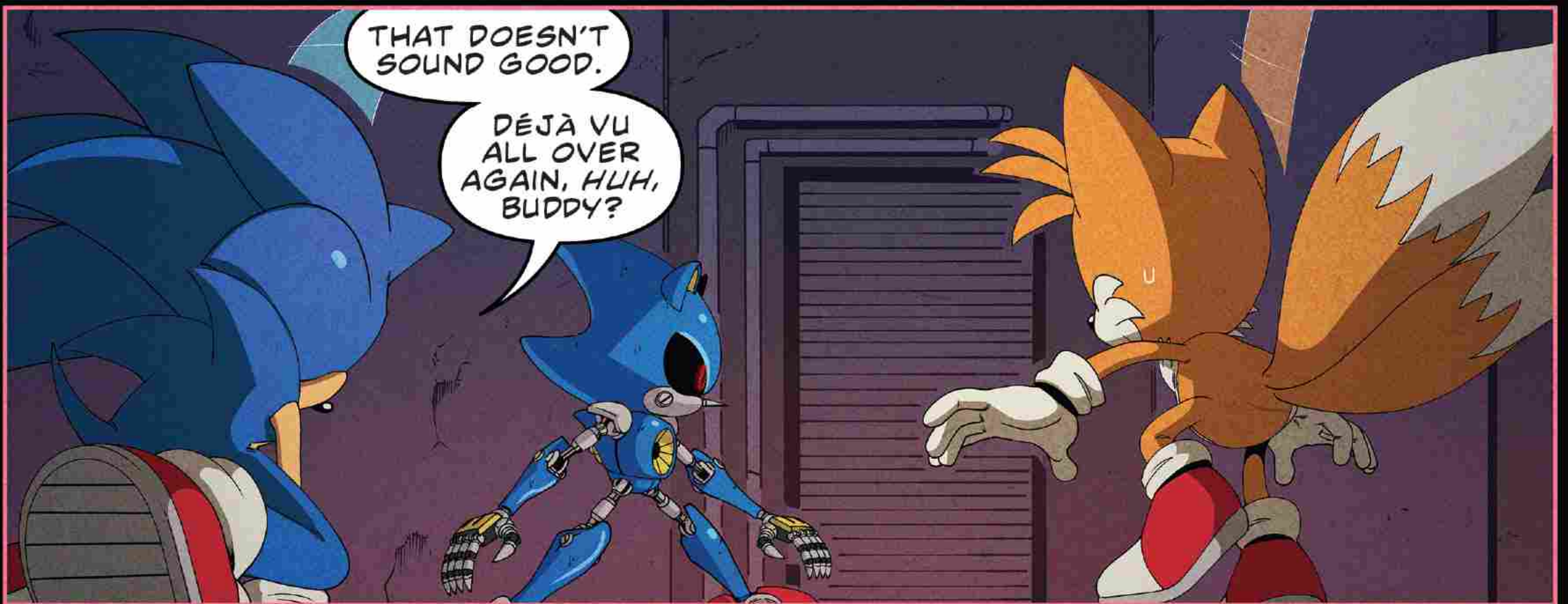


RRR...

RRR...







N-NOW LET'S BE REASONABLE! I HAVE A LOT OF RESOURCES AT MY DISPOSAL AND CAN ALWAYS USE, AH, MOTIVATED INDIVIDUALS LIKE YOURSELF IN MY EMPLOY...

THWAK

YOU GENIUS TYPES NEVER KNOW WHEN TO SHUT UP, DO YA? MAYBE YOU'LL STOP ONCE I KNOCK YOUR TEETH IN.

WHAM

FINALLY!

YOU THINK YOUR PET ROBOT CAN TAKE ME?

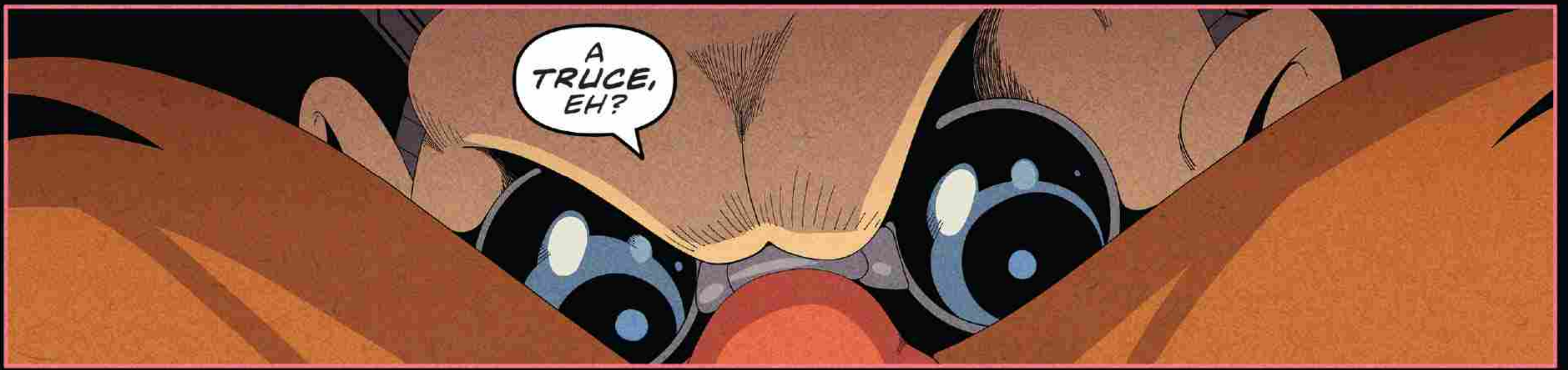
I'VE CHEWED THROUGH MORE OF YOUR RUST BUCKETS THAN I CAN COUNT!

SKITTL!





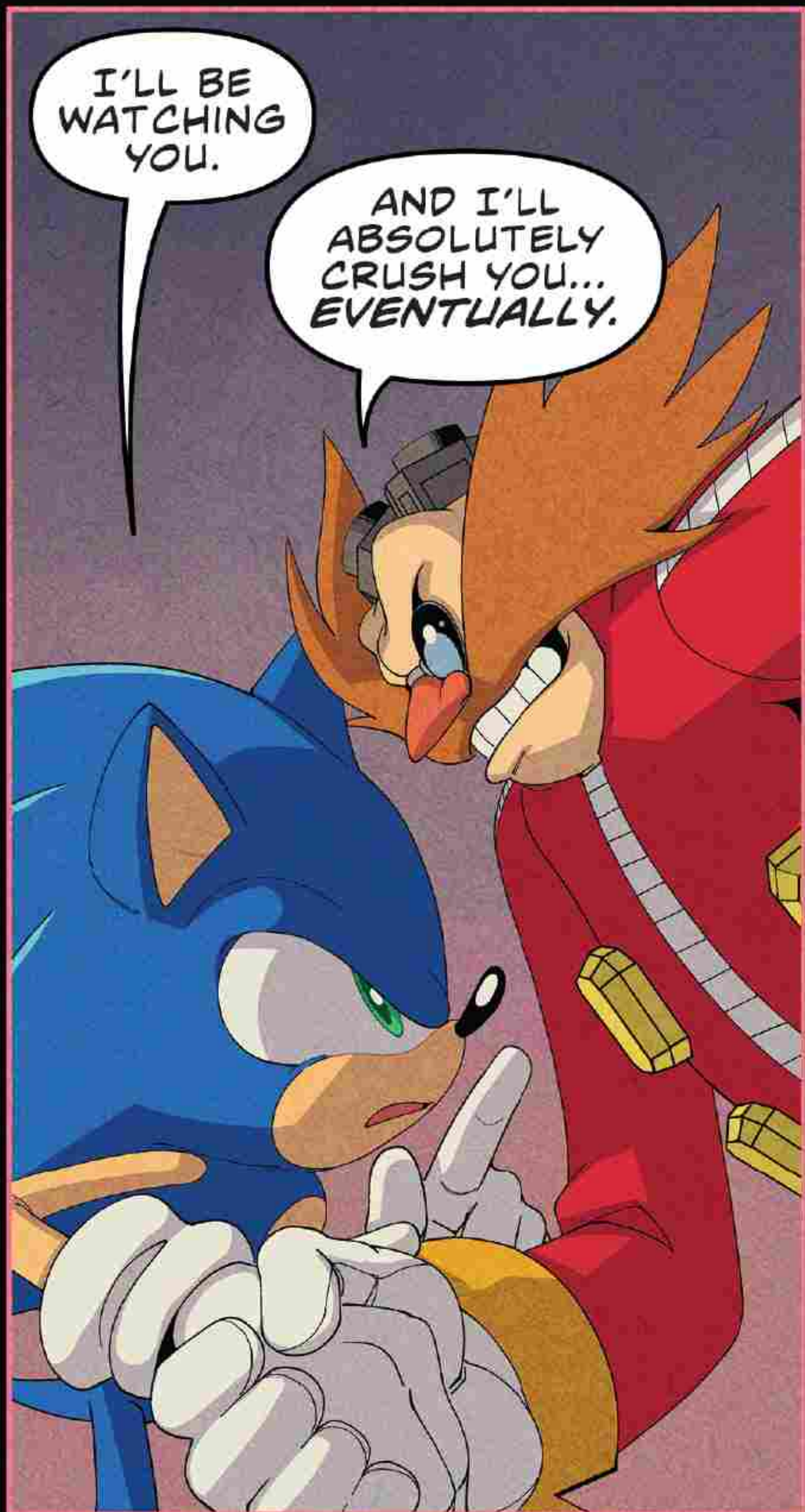




A
TRUCE,
EH?



ABSOLUTELY!
OF COURSE, METAL
SONIC COULD HANDLE
THE SITUATION, BUT
YOUR SUPPORT WILL
BE QUITE USEFUL.



I'LL BE
WATCHING
YOU.

AND I'LL
ABSOLUTELY
CRUSH YOU...
EVENTUALLY.



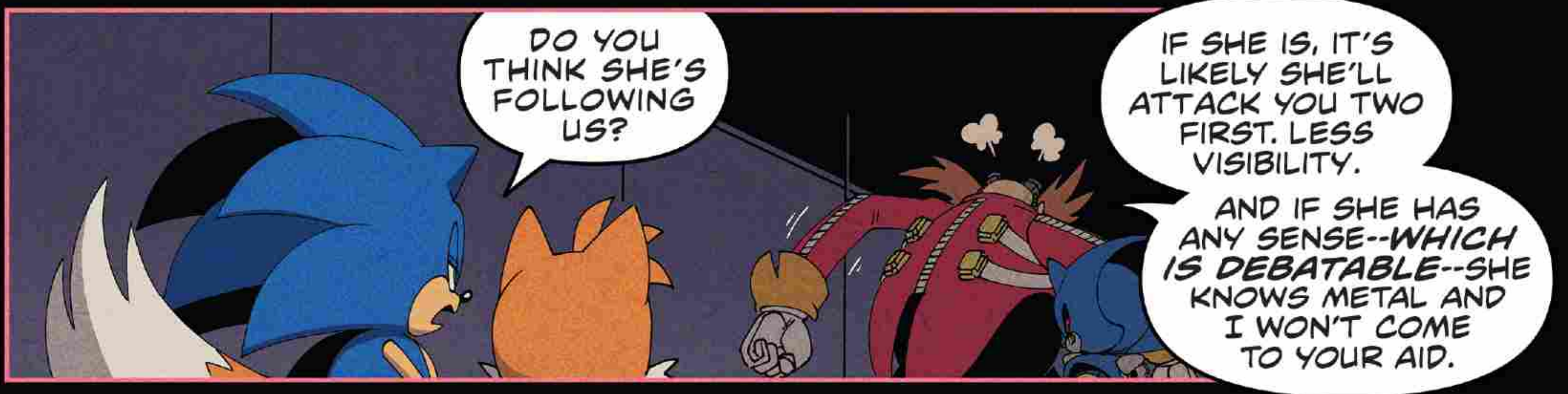
JUDGING BY MY MAP,
THERE'S ONLY ONE
WAY THAT'S OPEN
FOR US TO GO.

OOH, A
TRAP! SOUNDS
LIKE FUN.



DOES
IT?

IF I'D
KNOWN YOU
WERE ENJOYING
THEM, I WOULDN'T
HAVE MADE
SO MANY.





HE...
MADE
THEM.



INDEED.
BIOMODIFICATIONS,
CYBERNETIC
AUGMENTATION, NEURAL
CONDITIONING...



...ANY ONE WOULD BE
DIFFICULT ALONE, AND HE
WAS ENTIRELY SUCCESSFUL,
ALL WHILE SCAVENGING
HIS OWN MATERIALS
AND EQUIPMENT.



IF I DIDN'T KNOW
BETTER, I'D SAY YOU
WERE IMPRESSED.

OH, I AM. IT'S A REMARKABLE
ACHIEVEMENT! DR. STARLINE
POSSESSED ONE OF THE FINEST
MINDS I'VE EVER ENCOUNTERED.



HE'S TALKING ABOUT **KIDNAPPING**
AND **BRAINWASHING** PEOPLE!

AND ALL HE WANTED
WAS FOR YOU TO
RECOGNIZE HIM... IF YOU'D
JUST TOLD HIM THAT WHILE
HE WAS ALIVE, NONE OF
THIS WOULD HAVE
HAPPENED!

I KNOW
THAT! BUT I
WOULD NEVER DO
SUCH A THING.

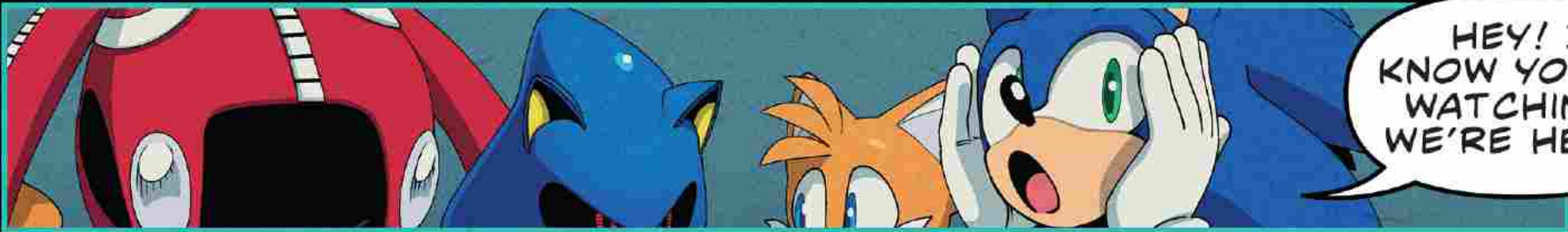


YOU
JUST
DID!

NOT AT ALL.
ADMITTING THE
SKILL OF A BESTED
ENEMY ONLY PROVES
MY BRILLIANCE.



I'VE HEARD ENOUGH. LET'S JUST GET THIS OVER WITH.



HEY! I KNOW YOU'RE WATCHING! WE'RE HERE!



LISTEN, I DON'T WANNA FIGHT YOU GUYS. HAND OVER THE DOOHICKEY, AND WE CAN ALL WALK AWAY.



TOO BAD IT'S NOT UP TO YOU, THEN.



NEXT TIME:
FIGHT!



NEXT MONTH



SONIC

LETTERS SQUAD

Greetings, Sonic Squad! Big oof. You know it's bad if Sonic and Eggman are teaming up, huh? Thank you for joining Evan Stanley, Adam Bryce Thomas, Reggie Graham, and Shawn Lee for issue #55! Now, let's check out your letters and art, and get to know a bit more about artist Aaron Hammerstrom!



CREATOR CORNER: AARON HAMMERSTROM



What part of the Sonic comics do you create?

I do pencils and lines for the inside stories and covers, and sometimes colors, too!

Who's your favorite Sonic character in the IDW books?

I'd say it feels like cheating to say Sonic, but I mean... he's why we're all here in the first place, right? Besides him, definitely Tangle!

How do you take your chili dog?

In a hypothetical fashion. Never had one!

How did you first discover Sonic?

From one of those LCD games you'd get in Happy Meals around when *Sonic Heroes* came out. It was the Tails one, where you're flying and collecting rings. I remember thinking his second tail was some kind of mistake or error, and wondering what he was collecting. Doughnuts? Bagels? Onion rings?

What was the first IDW Sonic issue you worked on?

My first cover of my own was for #21, but I technically helped with a cover for issue #1.

What's a boring fact about yourself?

One of my favorite birthday gifts I ever got was a clipboard. I wanted it so I could draw when I didn't have a desk or other surface to draw on.

What's your favorite comic (besides Sonic)?

Paranatural is what really got me into comics, though it's since switched to an illustrated prose format. Still great, though! Besides that, probably *Eyeshield 21* or Archie's *Mega Man*.

What do you do when you're not drawing/working on Sonic?

More drawing, usually. I also like pixel art and making low-poly 3D models every now and then. Basically a lot of art stuff and video games.

What's the most unusual Sonic thing you own?

An old *Sonic X* action figure of a robot whose pieces were all included with different characters. I never got all the characters, though, so I never got all the pieces of the robot. I think he's missing one arm and one leg.

If you could go to dinner with one Sonic character, who would it be and why?

Tails because I have the palate of an eight-year-old, and we could just get pizza or something. And then have mint ice cream after.

What kind of animal would you be in Sonic's universe?

A capybara. They're so chill and rectangular.

Thanks for joining us, Squad. Don't forget to send your art and letters to letters@idwpublishing.com, and make sure to mark them "OKAY TO PRINT"! And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! Next month, this shocking arc comes to a conclusion!



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